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ACTING CHIEF

Assistant Branch Chief **Richard C. Payne** is serving as Seed Regulatory and Testing Branch (SRTB) acting chief following the retirement of former chief Jim Triplitt. Permanent personnel decisions will be made at a later date.

RETIREMENTS

The end of 1998 marked the retirement of 2 SRTB employees. Branch Chief **James P. Triplitt** and Botanist **James F. Schoen** both decided it was time to end their active Federal careers.

Triplitt had been branch chief since March 1987 and had worked for the SRTB since August 1975. He started his Federal career as officer-in-charge of our former field office in Montgomery, Alabama. When the Montgomery office was closed in 1982, Jim transferred to our Beltsville Testing Section as the assistant laboratory supervisor. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University and worked for the Texas Department of Agriculture for 15 years before joining the SRTB.

Schoen personified the term "long-term" employee. He had 45 years of Federal government service. He worked for the SRTB from 1963 until his retirement. Prior to that he worked for approximately 8 years with USDA's Plant Quarantine Division. He also served in the United States Army. Some of the more specialized work that Jim accomplished over his career included procedures for bioassay of fungicide treated seed, detection of seed pathogens, electrophoresis and isoelectric focusing methods for distinguishing plant varieties, and work on tests to determine herbicide tolerant crops.

We wish them well in retirement.

VERA COLBRY

We are sorry to report that Vera Colbry, one of our retirees, passed away on February 14, 1999, in Anchorage, Alaska. From 1969 until she retired in 1980, Vera was the Officer-in-Charge of the field office we had in Sacramento, CA. She was active in the Association of Official Seed Analysts and the International Seed Testing Association. She also taught at seed schools and authored many papers, charts, and seed keys. Vera retired to Sequim, Washington.

RESERVE SEED COLLECTION NEEDS SEED SAMPLES

The SRTB plans to restock and update the Reserve Seed Collection (RSC) this summer. We are asking for your help in replenishing the RSC. The table below shows species that are either depleted or have limited seeds remaining. Please send seed donations prior to June 1, 1999. We will publish a revised RSC list at a later date.

Please send your RSC samples to:

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RSC List of Samples Needed

Samples of the following species have only limited seeds remaining:

656 *Lathyrus hirsutus*
665 *Senecio jacobaea*
673 *Stenotaphrum secundatum*

RSC # Kind name

58 *Atriplex semibaccata*
96 *Brassica rapa* var. *Sarson*
102 *Bromus hordeaceus* (= *Bromus mollis*)
104 *Bromus japonicus*
106 *Bromus rigidus*
107 *Bromus rubens*
108 *Bromus secalinus*
110 *Bromus tectorum*
140 *Centaurea solstitialis*
161 *Cicuta maculata*
187 *Cucurbita moschata*
195 *Cynodon dactylon* var. *aridus*
200 *Cyperus esculentus*
227 *Echinochloa colona*
268 *Festuca pratensis*
271 *Festuca tenuifolia*
285 *Grindelia squarrosa*
309 *Hyptis suaveolens*
311 *Ilex cornuta*
330 *Lathyrus aphaca*
343 *Lespedeza juncea*
361 *Lotus purshianus*
548 *Solanum ptycanthum*
629 *Xanthium strumarium*
650 *Eclipta prostrata*
653 *Ginkgo biloba*

Samples of the following species have been completely depleted:

RSC # Kind name

7 *Aegilops cylindrica*
41 *Anthyllis vulneraria*
95 *Brassica rapa*
109 *Bromus stamineus*
125 *Cardiospermum halicacabum*
126 *Carduus flodmanni*
131 *Carex frankii*
137 *Cenchrus incertus*
142 *Cercis canadensis*
166 *Clidemia hirta*
182 *Cucumeropsis mannii*
214 *Digitalis purpurea*
223 *Distichlis spicata*
302 *Hordeum murinum*
316 *Ipomoea pandurata*
398 *Orobanche ramosa*
434 *Phaseolus coccineus*
537 *Simmondsia chinensis*
577 *Tragopogon pratensis*
628 *Xanthium spinosum*
640 *Artemisia tridentata*

REVISED DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

SRTB members have new E-mail addresses because we have a new E-mail delivery system. Please be sure to enter the names as shown below in any electronic correspondence with us:

Directory of Services

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FEDERAL SEED SCHOOL

A one-week Federal Seed School is scheduled to be held at the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association, St. Paul, MN, from May 17 to 21, 1999. Topics will include crop and weed seed identification, purity, and standard germination, with emphasis on correct application of seed testing rules.

Enrollment for this seed school is filled. If your laboratory is interested in hosting a Federal Seed School next year, please contact Dr. Richard C. Payne.

REMINDER--TRUENESS-TO-VARIETY TESTING PROGRAM FOR 1999

The following are crops tentatively planned for this year's trueness-to-variety testing. If you have any questions, contact:

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Test Site	Crop	Minimum Sample Size Grams	Cut-Off Date
Maryland	sweet corn	50	April 15
South Dakota	spring small grains: oat, wheat, barley	30	April 15
Virginia	field corn	50	April 15
Louisiana	cowpea	40	May 1
Texas	sorghum millet	25 1	May 15
Florida	radish (fall) lettuce (fall)	2 0.5	August 15
Georgia	winter small grains (fall)	50	October 1
Kansas	winter small grains (fall)	30	October 1

SEED REGULATORY AND TESTING BRANCH PUBLICATIONS ON-LINE

Our readers are reminded that this and other SRTB publications are available on our home page at our Internet site (<http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/seed/ls-sd.htm>). If you prefer to access publications electronically and be removed from the mailing list for the Items of Interest in Seed Control or any of our other publications, please let us know. Some recipient organizations have issues mailed to more than one office or person. If that applies to your organization, please make it as clear as possible whether the desire to receive the publication electronically applies to all addressees or only specific ones.

FEDERAL SEED ACT CASES SETTLED

The following cases were settled administratively under the Federal Seed Act between October 1 and December 31, 1998. Under the administrative settlement procedure, the SRTB and the firms agreed to settle the cases for the amount specified with the firms neither admitting nor denying the charges:

- Beachner Seed Company, St. Paul, KS has paid \$2,100 for a case involving four seed shipments. The alleged violations, while not the same for all shipments, were false labeling as to purity and germination; failure to show required information for a seed component in a mixture; and failure to keep required records. Seed regulatory officials in Arkansas, Missouri, and Virginia cooperated in the initial sampling and inspection.
- Farmers Ag. Center, Mountain Grove, MO has paid \$4,900 for a case involving nine seed shipments. The alleged violations, while not the same for all shipments, were false labeling as to variety and to being a "lot of seed"; false labeling of noxious-weed seed, failure to show the presence of each noxious-weed seed, and containing noxious-weed seed in excess of the state's limit; and failure to keep required records. Seed regulatory officials in Alabama, Arkansas, and Tennessee cooperated in the initial sampling and inspection.

RYEGRASS FLUORESCENCE LIST

We have not received any changes from the National Grass Variety Review Board since our last issue.

Perennial Ryegrass Variety Name	Percent Varietal Fluorescence	Perennial Ryegrass Variety Name	Percent Varietal Fluorescence	Perennial Ryegrass Variety Name	Percent Varietal Fluorescence
246	0.27%	Greenland	1.20%	Rodeo II	2.47%
2CB	1.97%	Grimalda	2.00%	Saturn II	0.85%
856	0.87%	Headstart	2.09%	Seville	0.33%
89-90	2.15%	Imagine	1.31%	Sherwood	1.08%
90-14 ¹	7.12%	ISI-MBH ¹	1.27%	Shining Star	0.10%
A7 White ¹	2.19%	ISI-RUPR (Gator II) ¹	2.50%	Sonata	1.20%
Academy	2.33%	Laredo ¹	0.53%	SR 4100	0.37%
Accent	0.56%	Legacy	0.37%	SR 4200	0.34%
Accolade	4.83%	Lindsay	1.72%	Stallion Select	2.37%
Accord	4.08%	Line Drive	2.72%	Stallion Supreme	1.16%
Achiever	0.93%	Linn	5.00%	Stardance	1.90%
Advent	0.14%	Lowgrow	1.31%	Statesman	1.27%
Affinity	0.77%	Lowgrow II	1.35%	Statesman II	8.42%
Agresso	2.00%	LRF-94-C8 ¹	0.64%	Target	3.28%
All*Star	0.47%	Lynx	4.19%	Tonga	11.53%
Allaire II	1.15%	Magic	1.21%	Top Hat	0.77%
APM	0.59%	Majesty	1.59%	Topeka	2.34%
Aquarius	0.97%	Manhattan II	0.65%	Tove	17.48%
Archer	1.51%	Manhattan 3	0.88%	Twister	3.85%
Assure	0.72%	Mardi Gras	1.07%	Vantage	2.19%
Bedford	1.40%	Morningstar	0.87%	Vivid	1.24%
Bella	0.65%	Mulligan	1.86%	Wild Dance	1.17%
Blackhawk	1.17%	Navajo	0.37%	Wind Star	0.47%
Blazer III	1.18%	Newlinn	5.85%	Wizard	2.57%
Boardwalk	2.72%	NightHawk	1.39%	WVPB-93-KFK ¹	3.84%
Breeze	1.57%	Nobility	7.53%	WVPB-PR-92-4 ¹	5.48%
Brightstar	1.79%	Nomad	1.03%	WVPB-PR-C-2, C-2 ¹	8.65%
Brightstar II	2.24%	Nova	1.00%	Yorktown III	1.42%
Buccaneer	7.44%	Omega 3	0.73%		
C-21	6.28%	Omni	0.51%	Annual	Percent
Caliente	0.74%	Pageant	2.22%	Ryegrass	Varietal
Calypso	1.29%	Palmer	1.04%	Variety Name	Fluorescence
Calypso II	0.47%	Palmer II	1.51%	Florida 80	98.89%
Catalina	3.18%	Palmer III	0.23%	Grazer	99.78%
Cathedral	0.85%	Panther	1.18%	Gulf	99.02%
Chaparral	1.62%	Passport	1.06%	Jackson	98.80%
Charger II	0.54%	Patriot II	0.42%	Magnolia ²	---
Charisma	2.39%	Pearl	1.86%	Marshall	96.00%
Chatham ¹	2.11%	Pegasus	2.41%	Rio ¹	98.97%
Citation III	0.96%	Pennant	0.50%	Surrey	98.91%
Commander	1.02%	Pennant II	1.63%	TAM 90	98.45%
Cutter	1.65%	PICK Lp Q-93 ¹	6.44%		
Dancer	0.78%	Pick PR 15-91 (Jiffie) ¹	6.06%	¹ Experimental Designation and/or Variety	
Dandy	2.00%	Pleasure	4.09%		
Delaware Dwarf	2.60%	PR8820	0.79%	² Exempt from varietal fluorescence testing calculations.	
Derby Supreme	2.85%	Prelude	1.72%		
Dillon	4.14%	Prelude II	2.25%		
Divine	3.09%	Prelude III	0.59%		
Edge	1.73%	Prizm	0.71%		
Elegance	1.51%	Protocol	4.30%		
Elf	0.75%	Quickstart	0.18%		
Elite	4.84%	R2	1.25%		
Envy	0.22%	Regency	0.99%		
Equal	1.98%	Repell	0.33%		
Evening Shade	1.17%	Repell II	1.56%		
Excel	1.53%	Repell III	0.80%		
Express	4.00%	Reveille	2.00%		
Fiesta II	1.14%	Riviera	0.58%		
Gator	0.88%	Riviera II	1.08%		
Gettysburg	2.74%	Roadrunner	2.53%		

Additions To Plant Variety Protection Certificates

PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATES

(Issued July 17, 1998, through January 31, 1999)

KIND VARIETY	APPLICANT	TITLE (GEN.)	1994 PVPA
BARLEY Foster RYEGRASS, PERENNIAL Topeka TRITICALE Companion	NDSU Research Foundation Smith Seed Services Drs. Fred C. and Nancy A. Elliott	Y (3)	Y
WHEAT, COMMON Elkhart Hamer Hickok	HybriTech US, a Monsanto Company HybriTech US, a Monsanto Company HybriTech US, a Monsanto Company	Y (3) Y (3) Y (3)	Y Y Y

(*) No limit to the number of generations of certified seed beyond breeders seed.

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